



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 10.06.2016

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE NOOTY.RAMAMOHANA RAO

W.P(MD)No.10258 of 2016

and

WMP(MD)No.8019 of 2016

B.Ramkumar Adityan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Registrar General,
Hon'ble Madras High Court,
Chennai-600 104.

2.The Chairman,
Bar Council of India,
No.21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area,
Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi-110 002.

3.The Secretary
Bar Council of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry,
High Court Buildings,
Chennai-104

... Respondents

Prayer:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a writ of Mandamus to direct the first respondent to issue a Strict Administrative order to Subordinate Judicial Officers not to permit Advocates to appear before Hon'ble Court without proper uniform and squat on the table.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Ramkumar Adityan,
Party in Person.

For R.1 : Mr.R.Aravindan

For R.2&3 : Mr.M.Subash Babu

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **The Hon'ble The Chief Justice**)

The petitioner claims to have qualified in L.L.B degree examination in the year 2013. But he is carrying on legal consultancy services and an agriculturist by profession. On a query, he states that he has not cleared the bar examination.

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proper dress, as prescribed while appearing in Courts. The petitioner in fact raised this issue with the Bar Council, vide letter dated 30.11.2015, to which the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry replied, vide letter dated 18.12.2015, stating that the Bar Council has given proper instructions, even at the time of enrolment, for maintaining the dress code, as per the rules and that they have not received any specific complaint in this behalf. It has been stated that if any specific complaint is received then action would be taken.

3.We may note that the petitioner has not filed any specific example other than raising a general issue and there may not be any quarrel over the proposition that Advocates have to wear prescribed dress. What is the need of issuing of a direction when everybody is in agreement with that proposition and no specific violations have been set out. In fact, the another impropriety sought to be pointed out by the petitioner is that some lawyers squat on the table. But on our enquiry, what transpired is that apparently they are leaning while making submissions.

4.We have seen the photographs annexed to the petition. These photographs are of women lawyers carrying out demonstrations. The only thing we can say is that these are demonstrations on the streets and some of them are actually wearing their bands. We are sure that the Bar Council can issue appropriate advisory in this behalf as that is not something expected of the counsel.

5.We see no reason to issue any directions.

6.Accordingly, the writ petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, W.M.P(MD)No.8019 of 2016 is also closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(W)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1 cc to M/s.B.Ramkumar Adityan, Advocate in SR.No.30347

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